Application of Information Theory, Introduction

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Section 1

Administration

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- Conditional entropy and mutual information
- Relative entropy (Kullback-Leibler information)
- Entropy of a continuous random variable
- The maximum entropy principle
- Huffman coding
- The asymptotic equipartition theorem
- Data compression
- Channel capacity
- Shearer's inequality
- Applications to combinatorics
- Kolmogorov complexity

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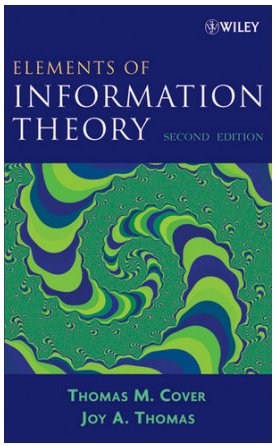
- Parallel repetition of interactive argument
- Pseudo entropy and pseudorandom generators
- Accessible entropy and statistically hiding commitments

Material

- Books:
  Thomas Cover & Joy Thomas: Elements of Information Theory.



- Papers:
  Jaikumar Radhakrishnan: Entropy and Counting.

- Lecture notes:
  1. Anup Rao.
  2. Venkatesan Guruswami and Mahdi Cheraghchi .

Prerequisites

Basic probability and calculus.